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SUBJECT: JCP STATES OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

SUMMARY: JCP STATEMENT AND COMMENTARY IN OPPOSITION TO JAPAN VISIT OF PRESIDENT FORD WERE PRO FORMA. AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL NOW, JCP ACTIVITIES AGAINST VISIT ARE UNLIKELY TO DEVELOP MUCH MOMENTUM. END SUMMARY.

1. JCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER KOICHI UEDA SEPT 23 ANNOUNCED FOR FIRST TIME JCP'S OPPOSITION TO FORD VISIT. HIS STATEMENT, DEVOTED MAINLY TO CRITICISM OF FORD-TANAKA MEETING IN WASHINGTON, SAID FOLLOWING ON JAPAN VISIT:

"SCHEDULE FOR PRESIDENT FORD'S FIRST TRIP ABROAD WAS MOVED A DAY AHEAD SO THAT HE IS NOW SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN JAPAN ON NOVEMBER 18, IT WAS CONFIRMED AT THE (FORD-TANAKA) TALKS. OUR PARTY WISHES CALRIFY AGAIN THAT IT WILL FIRMLY OPPOSE AND FIGHT THE VISIT TO JAPAN OF PRESIDENT FORD, WHO IS THE RINGLEADER PUSHING FOR A US-JAPAN MILITARY LEAGUE AND FOR AGGRESSION IN ASIA."

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2. "AKAHATA" EDITORIAL SEPT 23 SAID THAT US PRESIDENTIAL

VISIT DID NOT MATERIALIZE UP TO NOW, DESPITE CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, BECAUSE OF JAPANESE PEOPLE'S UNHAPPINESS OVER JAPAN'S SUBSERVIENCE TO US. EDITORIAL ALSO TOOK GOJ TO TASK FOR PLANNING TO MAKE "UNCONSTITUTIONAL, POLITICAL USE" OF EMPEROR BY SCHEDULING HIM TO MAKE RETURN VISIT TO US, MADE POINT THAT JAPANESE PEOPLE HAVE EXPERIENCE OF HAVING STOPPED EISENHOWER VISIT, AND SAID JCP WILL FIRMLY OPPOSE FORD VISIT AND UNDERScore TANAKA'S USE OF VISIT TO DRAG JAPAN DOWN DANGEROUS PATH.

3. "AKAHATA" ARTICLE SEPT 24 SAID ANTI-SECURITY TREATY CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (A SMALL JCP FRONT ORGANIZATION) WILL SOON MEET TO DECIDE ON PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES AGAINST PRESIDENTIAL VISIT. IT ALSO SAID SOHYO HAD DECIDED SEPT 19 TO TAKE STAND AGAINST VISIT, AND ANTI-VISIT MOOD IS BOUND TO RISE AS WE MOVE TOWARD NOV. 18.

4. COMMENT: JCP STATEMENTS AND COMMENTARIES APPEAR TO US TO BE PRO FORMA. PARTY MAY BE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW UP WITH SOME KIND OF ANTI-VISIT ACTIVITY, AND IN SO DOING WILL PROBABLY ATTEMPT TO DRUM UP SUPPORT THROUGH USE OF

ISSUES, SUCH AS PRESIDENT'S SUBSEQUENT VISIT TO SEOUL TO CRITICIZE US AND GOJ SUPPORT OF PARK REGIME, AND POSSIBILITY OF EMPEROR'S RETURN VISIT TO US. THESE THEMES HAVE LITTLE MASS APPEAL. THEREFORE, BARRING ANY MAJOR INTERVENING DEVELOPMENT, JCP ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE VISIT SEEM UNLIKELY TO DEVELOP MUCH MOMENTUM. END COMMENT.
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